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Identical letters dated 5 January 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing again with regard to the continued military hostilities committed by Iranian-backed Houthi militias in flagrant violation of the security and safety of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Charter of the United Nations, rules and principles of international law and the relevant Security Council resolutions.

On 5 January 2018, at 7.56 a.m., the air defence forces of the coalition to restore legitimacy in Yemen spotted the launch of a ballistic missile from Yemeni territory towards the lands of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The missile was deliberately launched towards the city of Najran in southern Saudi Arabia to target civilian areas and the civilian population, but was intercepted and destroyed. The scattered fragments of the missile caused damage to several buildings and properties.

Iran's proliferation of ballistic missiles to the Houthi rebel militias is widely evident and continues to pose serious regional and global threats, as has been reflected in the fourth report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) (S/2017/1030, dated 8 December 2017). On so many occasions, Iranian illicit weapons have been intercepted by several Member States and the Combined Maritime Forces. Moreover, Houthi rebel militias have been complicit in launching numerous Iranian ballistic missile attacks inside Yemen and across the border of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in clear and flagrant violation of international law.

We call upon the Security Council to shoulder its responsibility, and we insist on the full and immediate implementation of its resolutions 2216 (2015) and 2231 (2015). The Council must condemn, in clear and unambiguous language, Iran for supporting the Houthi rebel militias in their terrorist crimes and their threat to the region's security and safety and international peace and security.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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